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1. [] on 28 January 1952, [] the door of the hangar was open. There was flying at the field until about 2:30 p.m. Swept-back jet fighters with extended landing gears made local flights. [] a swept-back fighter [] flew over Koethen. Individual conventional type aircraft, probably La-11s, were also observed flying. *
2. On 29 January, there was flying at the field until about 2 p.m. The air activities observed followed the same pattern as on the preceding day.
3. [] on 30 January, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters. [] on 5 February, individual biplanes made training flights. During the entire period, observations were hindered by adverse weather. Trucks [] with trailer, [] were identified. **
- * [] Comment. The La-11 fighters probably belong to the unidentified unit which moved from Straussberg to Koethen in mid-November 1951. The La-11 aircraft were allegedly also observed with this unit while it was located in Straussberg.
- ** [] Comment. The report does not indicate any changes in the occupation of Koethen airfield where a fighter regiment is being activated. Exact data on the aircraft strength of this fighter regiment are not available. According to available information, it is believed that the regiment is far below the authorized MiG-15 strength.

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